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Weather Ignites Commodity Fireworks

The Fourth of July has come and gone, but fireworks are still being ignited for the commodity markets due to hot, dry weather. The equities have rallied too. The Dow is up 16.88 points as of Thursday to close at 12,896.97. Oil has had volatile trade lately and as of this writing is up \$2.18 a barrel this week to trade near \$86.95. Gold has gained \$6.40 an ounce to finish trade at \$1,605.30 today. The dollar index has moved sharply higher as China and the European Central Bank cut interest rates. Hot, dry weather continues to propel the agricultural commodities higher.

Corn is in a critical development stage and is beginning to pollinate in most areas. Hot, dry weather has ignited the 81 ½ cent rally this week to settle at \$7.09 on the September contract today. As of Monday’s report, the corn crop was 25% silking and will be upwards of 40% on the next update. Last year, heat during this critical stage of development was the main reason for yield deterioration. Many of the top analysts have already made revisions lower to the anticipated yield and production and traders will be anticipating Informa’s estimates being released tomorrow. On July 11th the USDA will provide its updated estimates in the Crop Production and Supply/Demand reports.

Soybeans have rallied along with corn and is up \$1.01 ¼ on the September contract to settle at \$15.51 ½ today. This market has benefited from the weather concerns as below average precipitation and above average temperatures have persisted for several weeks now. The crop is in the blooming stage and was reported as being 26% in this stage as of the last report. Demand is still strong with export sales being well ahead of pace to meet USDA expectations. Revisions could come in next week’s report to anticipated export sales for the remainder of the year.

Wheat has spiked 79 ¼ cents on the CBOT September contract to settle at \$8.37 ¾ Thursday. Production and export reductions from Russia and the European Union have helped the rally in this market. Winter wheat harvest was reported as 69% complete as of Monday which has done little to slow the rally.

Weather has been the spark that has ignited the fireworks in the grain markets in most recent weeks. Corn and soybeans are in critical development stages and are susceptible to yield damage if the hot, dry weather persists through the pollination and blooming stages. Traders are eyeing tomorrow’s export sales report and the USDA Crop Production and Supply/Demand reports coming on Wednesday July 11th.

CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3
Western, MD	6.86	7.31	13.81	14.47	7.14	7.46	4.00	4.00
Central, MD	6.96	7.43	14.21	14.82	7.29	7.53	----	3.80
Southern, MD	6.81	7.24	14.26	15.10	----	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	7.01	7.44	14.34	15.18	----	----	----	----
Lower E. Shore	7.16	7.62	14.49	15.33	6.82	7.52	----	----

FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3	6/26	7/3
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Southern MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Upper E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lower E Shore	6.44	6.95	13.43	14.05	7.04	7.47	----	----

GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - July 5, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal ^{1/}	
JLY12	768’0	JLY12	1626’4	JLY12	822’4	JLY12	474.3
SEP12	708’6	AUG12	1583’0	SEP12	838’0	AUG12	465.8
DEC12	708’4	SEP12	1551’4	DEC12	847’0	SEP12	459.8
MAR13	715’6	NOV12	1526’4	MAR13	855’4	OCT12	450.9
MAY13	717’6	JAN13	1523’0	MAY13	852’6	DEC12	446.6
JLY13	718’4	MAR13	1472’6	JLY13	844’2	JAN13	439.5
SEP13	653’0	MAY13	1428’2	SEP13	844’6	MAR13	415.5
DEC13	613’2	JLY13	1419’0	DEC13	854’6	MAY13	397.2
MAR14	619’6	AUG13	1398’6	MAR14	856’4	JLY13	393.3
MAY 14	624’4	SEP13	1351’4	MAY 14	858’4	AUG13	384.3

HAY AND STRAW

New Holland, PA - July 2, 2012 - \$/ton

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw	
160.00 – 270.00	100.00 – 390.00	210.00 – 245.00	75.00 – 400.00	140.00 – 215.00	

Westminster, MD – July 2, 2012 - \$/bale

Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw	
3.20 – 5.00	2.30 – 4.30	1.50 – 3.90	1.00 – 4.50	1.90 – 3.10	

POULTRY ^{2/}							
Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - July 8, 2012							
	Current Week		Prev. Week	Prev. Month	Prev. Year		
N.Y. Weighted Avg.	81.29		83.33	87.59	73.76		
12 City Composite	82.47		83.06	86.77	80.06		
SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – July 3, 2012 – (\$/CWT)			GOATS & KIDS- July 3, 2012				
Sheep	85.00 – 95.00	Lambs Under 50	120.00 – 157.50	Large	154.00 – 182.50		
		50 – 80 lbs	112.00 – 140.00	Medium	112.00 – 138.00		
		90 – 130 lbs	130.50 – 142.50	Kids	37.50 – 50.00		
HOGS & PIGS							
DIRECT MARKET HOGS - July 5, 2012 ^{2/}			MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – July 3, 2012				
*Base Price Range	Carcass Basis	Weighted	Butcher Hogs		Sows	N/A	
	Base 185 lb Hog	Average	#1 215 – 275 lbs	64.50 – 70.00			
Iowa, Minn	92.50 – 102.50	99.42	Heavyweights	73.00 – 73.50			
Eastern Cornbelt	89.00 – 101.00	92.31			Boars	N/A	
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added.							
MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - July 2, 2012 ^{2/}							
Percent Lean	Weight	Price					
49 - 54	220 – 270 lbs	73.50 – 77.00					
	270 – 300 lbs	75.00 – 78.00					
FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA- (\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- July 4, 2012 Next Feeder Pig sale – July 18, 2012 ^{2/}							
Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price					
15 – 30 lbs	200.00 – 210.00	208.29					
30 – 40 lbs	120.00 – 140.00	135.17					
40 – 60 lbs	170.00 – 170.00	170.00					
LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – July 5, 2012							
LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES			LEAN HOGS – FUTURES				
AUG12	119.15	FEB13	129.78	JLY12	95.83	DEC12	80.65
OCT12	123.55	APR13	132.40	AUG12	92.88	FEB13	83.80
DEC12	127.15	JUN13	129.20	OCT12	82.23	APR 13	86.15
STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT)							
Winchester, VA – July 2, 2012 ^{2/}			Westminster, MD – July 3, 2012				
Steers	300 – 400 lbs	169.00	Steers	200 – 300 lbs	104.50 – 158.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	142.00 – 150.00		400 – 500 lbs	122.00 – 126.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	141.00 – 147.00		600 – 700 lbs	98.00 – 116.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	135.00 – 144.50		800 – 1000 lbs	N/A		
	800 – 900 lbs	127.50 – 128.50					
Heifers	300 – 400 lbs	131.00 – 135.50	Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	98.00 – 148.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	118.00 – 134.00		400 – 500 lbs	108.00 – 144.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	126.00 – 137.00		600 – 700 lbs	88.00 – 109.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	124.00 – 139.50		800 – 1000 lbs	N/A		
	700 – 800 lbs	120.00 – 130.00					
SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT)							
Westminster, MD – July 3, 2012							
Sltr. Cows			Fed Heifers				
Breakers	70.00 – 74.50		Fat	103.50 – 104.00			
Boners	64.50 – 68.00						
Thin/Slow	62.00 & Down						
Fed Steers			Holstein Bull Calves to Feed				
Fat	110.00 – 112.50		#1	116.00 – 137.50			
Lean	104.00 – 109.50		#2	108.00 – 110.00			
Select	98.00 – 103.00		#3	98.00 & Down			
Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – July 5, 2012 ^{2/}							
Sltr. Steers:			Sltr. Heifers:				
Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1345 – 1550 lbs	119.00 – 122.00	Choice 2-3	1185 – 1410 lbs	108.00 – 111.00		
Choice 2-3	1190 – 1585 lbs	114.00 – 118.00					
			Sltr. Cows:	Percent Lean	Avg. Dressing		
Sltr. Holsteins:			Premium White	65 – 75	N/A		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-3	1450 – 1565 lbs	104.00 – 106.00	Breakers	75 – 80	78.00 – 83.00		
Choice 2-3	1245 – 1665 lbs	100.00 – 103.00	Boners	80 – 85	77.00 – 80.00		
			Lean	88 – 90	73.00 – 77.00		

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))

2/ Source: USDA, AMS

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